

H.R. 4133. An act to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at the corner of Superior and Huron Roads, in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "Carl B. Stokes United States Courthouse."

H.J. Res. 70. Joint Resolution authorizing the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity to establish a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr. in the District of Columbia or its environs.

At 2 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3219. An act to provide Federal assistance for Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4088. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to Stanislaus County, California.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 229. Concurrent resolution directing the Secretary of the Senate to make corrections in the enrollment of S. 1004.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1004) to authorize appropriations for the United States Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

At 2:52 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 543. An act to reauthorize the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3632. An act to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the requirement for annual resident review for nursing facilities under the Medicaid program and to require resident reviews for mentally ill or mentally retarded residents when there is a significant change in physical or mental condition.

H.R. 4165. An act to provide for certain changes with respect to requirements for a Canadian border boat landing permit pursuant to section 235 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

At 5:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. J. Res. 197. Joint resolution waiving certain enrollment requirements with respect to any bill or joint resolution of the One Hundred Fourth Congress making general or continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the second time and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3452. An act to make certain laws applicable to the Executive Office of the President, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on September 28, 1996 he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bills:

S. 1675. An act to provide for the nationwide tracking of convicted sexual predators, and for other purposes.

S. 1802. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain property containing a fish and wildlife facility to the State of Wyoming, and for other purposes.

S. 1970. An act to amend the National Museum of the American Indian Act to make improvements in the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2085. An act to authorize the Capitol Guide Service to accept voluntary services.

S. 2101. An act to provide educational assistance to the dependents of Federal law enforcement officials who are killed or disabled in the performance of their duties.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. COHEN:

S. 2153. A bill to designate the United States Post Office building located in Brewer, Maine, as the "Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Post Office Building", and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. HEFLIN, and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. 2154. A bill to provide equitable treatment for pharmaceutical patents on certain pipeline drugs in order to encourage continued development of new drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2155. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer funds to the farmers' market nutrition program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. 2156. A bill to protect the rights of the States and the people from abuse by the Federal Government; to strengthen the partnership and the intergovernmental relationship between State and Federal Governments; to restrain Federal agencies from exceeding their authority; to enforce the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution; and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH:

S. 2157. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide for the efficient collection and recycling of spent lead-acid batteries and educate the public concerning the collection and recycling of such batteries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. 2158. A bill to set the time for counting electoral votes; considered and passed.

S. 2159. A bill to set the time for the convening of the 105th Congress; considered and passed.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2160. A bill to provide for alternative procedures for achieving superior environmental performance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. SIMON):

S. Res. 303. A resolution commending the Governments of Hungary and Romania on the occasion of the signing of a Treaty of Understanding, Cooperation and Good Neighborliness; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 304. A resolution approving certain regulations to implement provisions of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 relating to labor-management relations with respect to employing offices of the Senate and employees of the Senate, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. BREAUX, and Mr. FORD):

S. Res. 305. A resolution to designate Saturday, November 30, 1996, as "National Duck Calling Day"; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. HEFLIN and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. 2154. A bill to provide equitable treatment for pharmaceutical patents on certain pipeline drugs in order to encourage continued development of new drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

THE PHARMACEUTICAL EQUITY ACT OF 1996

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, Pennsylvania is proud to host some of the world's most innovative pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device and health care product companies. The United States, of course, is the world's leader. These companies are developing the new medicines and new products that are extending and improving life for people around the world.

Current law often unnecessarily slows the introduction of new technologies and new medicines and increases costs to producers, and therefore, ultimately, to consumers. I have consulted with consumer and other patient advocacy representatives, as well as pharmaceutical manufacturers and the biotechnology industry, in an effort to gather sufficiently diverse and constructive suggestions for meaningfully addressing this problem.

While this is certainly an issue critical to Pennsylvania's economic future, it is most of all a critical issue for our citizens who suffer from costly and debilitating conditions for which no adequate drug therapies exist today, including Alzheimer's, AIDS, heart disease, cancer, et cetera. We cannot, and should not, keep these patients waiting any longer than absolutely necessary.

We have a very basic problem in America about research expenditures for drugs that benefit sick people. These drugs benefit everybody, particularly the elderly and the young. We need medical research. We need these